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START

RECEIVE PACKET DESTINED TO SITE TO WHICH PLURALITY OF SERVER DEVICES HAVING ANYCAST ADDRESS BELONG, FROM COMMUNICATION DEVICE OF EXTERNAL NETWORK

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TRANSFER PACKET TO ONE SERVER DEVICE AMONG PLURALITY OF SERVER DEVICES HAVING ANYCAST ADDRESS

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RECEIVE RESPONSE PACKET FOR PACKET FROM ONE SERVER DEVICE

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DETECT IDENTIFIER INDICATING THAT SOURCE ADDRESS DIFFERENT FROM ANYCAST ADDRESS IS ATTACHED, THAT IS CONTAINED IN RESPONSE PACKET **§204**

ACQUIRE INFORMATION REGARDING PLURALITY OF SERVER DEVICES HAVING ANYCAST ADDRESS IN SITE MAINTAINED BY MEMORY DEVICE, WHEN IDENTIFIER IS DETECTED S205

VERIFY THAT RESPONSE PACKET IS RESPONSE PACKET TRANSMITTED FROM SERVER DEVICE, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION REGARDING SERVER DEVICE

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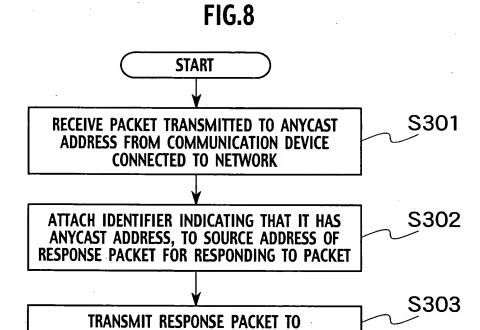
CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT TO TRANSFER RESPONSE PACKET TO COMMUNICATION DEVICE, ACCORDING TO VERIFICATION RESULT

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JUDGE THAT PACKET SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED & TRANSFER RESPONSE PACKET TO COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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END



COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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